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LB 782A, 783A, 783

SENATOR ABBODD: Mr. President, colleagues, the reason this amendment was offered was to raise a point and that is that we should have more cost containment features in our health care benefits we're presently giving to state employees. Every year Senator Wesely has offered an amendment to offer some cost containment features for health care benefits to state and university employees and every year it is rejected by the Legislature. There seems to be a feeling that somehow this increased benefits that the employees are receiving is not costing anyone any money. Well, this amendment is to show that it does cost money and every year we've had substantial increases in health care costs that we give to state employees. State employees don't view it as a pay hike. The Legislature doesn't view it as a pay hike, but in actuality it costs state taxpayers money and as a result it is, in effect, an increased benefit and a pay increase. Mr. President, I would request to withdraw this amendment at this time, possibly offering at a later time and we may deal with this particular problem in a different way. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is withdrawn. No other amendments pending on the bill. Senator Warner, anything further? If not, the question is the advancement of LB 782A to E & R Engrossing. Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried. LB 783, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, on 783 I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Okay, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: I move the body advance LB 783.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the motion to advance the bill. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, those in favor of the advancement of the bill please say aye. Opposed no. The ayes have it, motion carries, the bill is advanced. LB 783A.

CLERK: Senator, I have E & R amendments on 783A.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scott Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President, I move we adopt the E & R amendments to LB 783A.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments. Those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Carried, they